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SUBJECT: GDR OFFICIAL DENIES PLANS FOR EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTY

MEETING ARE FALLING APART

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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. HERMAN AXEN, POLITBUERO MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF
THE GDR WORKING GROUP FOR THE PROPOSED MEETING OF 28

EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES, DENIED IN AN INTERVIEW

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THIS MEETING HAVE BEEN BROKEN OFF. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION

POSED BY THE OFFICIAL EAST GERMAN NEWS AGENCY, DNA, AXEN
STATED THAT "THE WISH IS FATHER TO THE THOUGHT" THAT
PLANNING FOR THE CONFERENCE HAS CEASED.

2. AS BACKGROUND TO AXEN'S STATEMENT, IT IS
REPORTED THAT, AS PRESUMPTIVE HOSTS FOR THE
CONFERENCE, THE GDR DELEGATION HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
TO TABLE A DRAFT "POLITICAL" PAPER AT THE LAST
PREPARATORY MEETING IN EAST BERLIN IN EARLY APRIL.
IT WAS DECIDED AT THAT MEETING, HOWEVER, THAT
FURTHER WORK ON THE PAPER WAS NEEDED WHICH WOULD GIVE
EQUAL STATUS TO THE PROPOSALS OF THE ASSOCIATED
"BROTHER PARTIES". WHILE THE AIM IS TO PRODUCE A
FINAL DOCUMENT ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THERE IS (ACCORDING
TO THE ARTICLE) NO INTENTION OF DIRECTING ANY COMMUNIST
PARTY ON HOW TO CARRY ON ITS OWN BUSINESS, IT IS SAID. END
UNCLASSIFIED.

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COMMENT: THE SECONDARY PREPARATORY MEETING IN EARLY
APRIL STUMBLED (AS HAD THE FIRST PREPARATORY MEETING HERE IN
FEBRUARY) OVER THE DRAFTING OF A GENERAL PAPER WHICH
HAS IDEOLOGICAL SIGNIFICANCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF
CLOSER TIES BETWEEN EASTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES
AND LIKE-MINDED GROUPS IN WESTERN EUROPE. AXEN'S DENIAL.
OBVIOUSLY PLANTED TO QUELL RUMORS THAT THE PLANS FOR THE
CONFERENCE ARE FALLING APART, MAY ONLY FEED SPECULATION THAT
THE CONFERENCE WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AS SCHEDULED IN
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